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CLERK: LR 79 offered by Senator Lynch. (Read brief explanation.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, most of you probably were not here when Senator Syas was here except for one or two of you, but Senator Syas was a political activist and a good citizen of Florence in North Omaha for many, many years. He died just on February 7, and I thought it was appropriate that we recognize him and the good work he did with a resolution, and it reads: Whereas, former State Senator George Syas died on February 7 of 1997, at the Plattsmouth Masonic Home from complications resulting from pneumonia; and Whereas, George was born on February 11, 1911, in Omaha, Nebraska; and George Syas was an Omaha North graduate. He was a basketball letterman and a running back on the football team. George was a machinist for UP Railroad for over thirty-five years until his retirement in 1975. Whereas, George Syas was a dedicated family man, he married Pauline Frances Crowder on December 7, 1940, and had two children, four grandchildren, and was a great grandpa as well. George Syas served his community as a member of many civic organizations and as a state senator for twenty-six years. George was first elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1950, and was reelected in 1952, 1954, 1956, '58, '60, '62, '64, '68, and 1972. Whereas, George Syas will be remembered for his many accomplishments in the area of education, which I especially remember, wildlife and conservation. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of Nebraska that we extend its condolences and sympathy to the family of George, and this copy of the resolution will be sent to Pauline Syas and his family. And I'd also like to ask all of you senators who are listening that if you would, there will be a copy of the resolution at the Clerk's desk, if any of you would please take the time to go up and sign that, I would very much appreciate that. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. When I began five years ago in the Legislature, I started receiving phone calls from George Syas who watched us nearly